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CREW OF ASHTABULA IS ON UPPER DECK CAR FERRY MEN FLYING SIGNALS OF DISTRESS LIFE-SAVERS RUSHED FROM PORT STANLEY

Waves Break Over Big
Car Ferry Stranded in
Pt. Burwell Harbor.

FIRES ARE OUT
SEA TREMENDOUS

Water Pouring Into the Hold in
Tons—Big Freighter Is in
a Bad Plight.

E. T. HAGENSON, captain,
C. OLSEN, first mate,
GEORGE GALLUST, second
mate,
S. SYLVESTER, first engineer,
WILLIAM WINK, second en-
gineer,
CHAUNCEY SMITH, steward,
GEORGE ELLIOTT, waiter,
GEORGE HAMOND, watchman,
A. PARKER, coal passer.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Port Burwell, Dec. 14.—The
C. P. R. coal boat, Ashtabula,
aground outside the harbor
here, is in very bad shape and
is flying signals of distress.

During the night the wind
shifted, and a 50-mile gale from
the southwest is piling the seas
mountain high.
The crew of thirty men are
still on the vessel, but in spite
of the distress signals not a
boat can reach her. The men
are on the upper deck, and are
safe unless the big craft goes
to pieces, when there would be
little chance of saving them.

The Ashtabula is filling with
water, which is pouring into
her hold in tons.

Last night a tug from Ashtabula, with lighters, came to
Port, but the rough weather
makes it impossible for her to
give assistance.

Another large tug is on the
way here from Detroit. It is
not expected now that she will
reach Port until the wind shifts,
or the sea subsides. The Gov-
ernment tug Hercules, of Port
Stanley, was also expected, but
the captain refused to put out
to sea in such a storm.

The grounded boat is in a
worse position than yesterday,
and fears are expressed that it
will be impossible to get her
off.

The storm of last night and
today is one of the worst ex-
perienced in years.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Port Burwell, Dec. 14.—The
C. P. R. coal boat, Ashtabula,
aground outside the harbor of
Port Burwell, and her crew are in a very
dangerous predicament.

She is still aground, and the
sea is pouring over her at a terrific
rate.

The men are in the upper deck
and while not suffering greatly as yet from
cold or exposure, they are greatly en-
dangered.

So serious is their situation that
the life-saving crew from Port
Stanley, who were hurried to the scene and efforts
are being made to land the crew.

35 Men Aboard.

There are 35 men aboard, in charge
of Captain Hagenson, one of the
best-known mariners on the Great
Lakes.

The Ashtabula left Ashtabula
on Sunday. On her trip across she
encountered heavy seas, but made the
Port shortly after midnight.

At that time a heavy blow was
on from the northeast. The captain tried
to make the harbor, but the terrific
wind lowered the water over a foot,
and before she could be righted, the
vessel struck a sandbar.

A heavy sea then struck her, and she
shifted in between two bars, settling
on the bottom in about 7 feet of water.

Tugs were called from Ashtabula
and Detroit. The former soon arrived
and with local tugs made an attempt to
pull her off.

A Terrific Gale.

It was impossible to do so. Sud-
denly the wind shifted, and a terrific
gale struck the vessel yesterday after-
noon. The wind increased in fury all
the night long, and this morning there
was an awful sea running.

When the people woke this morning
they saw the sea pouring over the
Ashtabula at a terrific rate.

The fires were out, and the ship
was completely filled with water. The
men were on the upper deck, and
while quite comfortable in a way their
position was desperate. The tremen-
dous seas were rocking the ship, and it
was feared that any moment the cars
would crash through the sides.

If this happened there would be
little chance for many of the crew to
be taken off, and it was feared that
the men would be either killed or
drowned.

WHERE THE ASHTABULA IS LYING

Port Burwell is on Lake Erie, about 25 miles east of Port Stanley.
It is entered by one railway, the C. P. R. This railway was built some
years ago by Mr. John Teale, and ran only to Tillsonburg.

The C. P. R. later took charge of it, and extended it to Ingersoll. The
Government has spent many thousands of dollars on the harbor, until to-
day it is one of the finest on Lake Erie.

The Canadian Pacific entered into the coal business, and the Ashtabula,
which ran for a very short time out of Port Stanley, was placed on the
run.

For some years she has been one of the most trustworthy vessels on
the lakes, and aside from a few minor accidents has never been in any serious
distress. She is a sister-ship to the ill-fated Bessemer.

She is 350 feet long, and about the same dimensions as the lost steam-
er Bessemer.

She is in charge of Capt. Higginson, who has sailed the lakes for many
years, and who has the reputation of being one of the most careful as well
as one of the best equipped sailors on fresh water.

Port Burwell has a population of about 400. The population is made up
largely of fishermen and the families.

Some years ago it was a summer resort of some importance, but of late
years few people have gone to the port for a holiday.

The breakwater out of the harbor has produced a sandbar, and the phe-
nomenal lowering of the water following a northeast blow, is the cause of
the Ashtabula going on the sandbars.

The vessels are equipped with compartments for water ballasting, and is
modern in many of its improvements.



HARRY THOMAS,
Port Stanley Man Who Met Death on
the Bessemer.

RAILWAY WRECK NEAR CONNEAUT

Lake Shore Flyer Plunges Into
Rear of Stalled Train.

THREE ITALIANS KILLED

Prompt Action of Engineer on Limited
Saves Train From Terrible
Catastrophe.

Erie, Pa., Dec. 14.—The Big
Twentieth Century, No. 25, second
floor, en route from St. Louis to New
York, was in a rear-end collision with
passenger train No. 19 on the Lake Shore
Railway at North East, Pa., sixteen miles
from here last night. By a seeming
miracle, but three Italians were killed,
seven others seriously injured, and
probably twenty-five more or less
out and bruised. According to the story
brought here by persons aboard a relief
train sent from here, passenger train No.
19, for some reason yet undetermined,
had not made the North East siding in
time to give a clearance for the approach
of the 60-mile-an-hour flyer.

How It Happened.

According to persons who were aboard
train No. 19, a stop had been made at
North East, delaying the train for some
time. Without warning, there came a
crash and a splintering of wood, and be-
fore any warning cry could be uttered,
the rear coach of the train No. 19 had
been splintered by the heavy engine
hauling the Twentieth Century. North
East being but a hamlet and at night
cut off except by railway telegraph lines
from the outside world, news of the
wreck travelled slowly. After midnight
a report reached here that two freight
trains had run together on head on
North East, with no fatalities. By a
roundabout way, the report was found to
be erroneous.

Three Killed.

Immediately killed trains were rushed
from this place, and from Meadville, Ohio,
loaded with nurses and physicians. Hospi-
tals in both places were notified to be
prepared to take care of many injured.

Amidst the confusion, the bodies of the
mutilated bodies of three Italians
and seven persons seriously injured,
These were all taken to the morgue and
hospitals.

Persons aboard the fast flyer were
hardly aware that the collision had taken
place as the engineer of the flyer, upon
seeing the lights of No. 19, applied emer-
gency brakes in time to save damage to
his train, except the mutilation of the
pilot and headlight of his engine.

Traffic was delayed about two hours
until the demolished coach in which the
men met their death had been
cleared from the track.

The Injured.

The following partial list of injured
was given out at the Lake Shore general
offices here:

Edna Losluf, New York, head
bruised.
George F. McEnagle, Indian Harbor,
Conn., fractured hand.

A. H. Whitney, Dunkirk, N. Y., spine
injured, face cut.
Frank F. Cullen, Green Bay, Wis., leg
cut, rib fractured.

E. L. Clogeson, Jamaica Plains, Mass.,
leg fractured, hand cut.
W. L. McFadden, Buffalo, left shoulder
broken.

L. Eiele, Cincinnati, slightly bruised.
Clayton Chapman, Elmira, O., rib frac-
tured.

W. F. Burr, New York City, generally
bruised.
L. J. Hadding, Cleveland, Ohio, head
bruised.

M. Masters, Cincinnati, head bruised.
Unknown Italian, slightly bruised.

LIFE SAVERS HAVE ARRIVED AT SCENE

Will Not Venture Out in Storm
Unless Ship Threatens
to Go to Pieces.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Port Burwell, Dec. 14.—The
Port Stanley life-saving boats have
arrived, and are ready for duty.

According to Capt. Brown, the men
will not venture out in the storm un-
less the Ashtabula shows further signs
of breaking up.

The Ashtabula's crew have the life-
boats ready, and with men on the
watch, will be able to launch a boat
at any moment.

The life-saving crew will not make
any effort this afternoon to get to
the men, unless there are evident
signs of a sudden break-up.

Hopes are entertained that the sea
will run down in an hour or so.

PARTIES PATROLLING THE LAKE SHORE

But No Trace of the Bessemer or Crew
Can Be Found at Long Point.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Port Rowan, Dec. 14.—Searching
parties are patrolling the beach be-
tween here and Long Point, but up to
this morning have not discovered a
bit of wreckage has been
discovered. It is thought that
some of the bodies will be washed
ashore near here.

THE WHEAT SHIPMENTS

Reports Say Five Million Bushels for
Export.

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—Canada has nearly
five million bushels of wheat for
export, according to reports received
by the department of trade and com-
merce. The quality is good and ex-
ceedingly uniform. To the end of
November there was received at Port
William 56,479,211 bushels of wheat,
13,966,932 more than during the same
time last year. Lake shipments total-
led 43,852, a betterment of
12,419,411 up till last week, there had
been inspected at Winnipeg 71,754,000,
a gain of 13,192,000.

TO SERCH BEACHES FOR BESSEMER'S DEAD

Two Parties Will Start From Port
Dover This Morning.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Port Dover, Dec. 14.—Searching
parties are going out from here this
morning along the beach in order to
find out if any of the bodies of the
Bessemer's crew have washed ashore.

The beach between this port and
Port Rowan will be combed by one
gang of men, while others will go
east for some miles.

No reports have been received as
yet as to any wreckage or bodies. It
is thought that the shifting winds may
start some bodies afloat, and wash
them to the Canadian shore.

It is rumored that the same thing
will be done on other ports. Tugs will
also be sent along the beach so soon
as the wind shifts or goes down.

The tug Racey went out yesterday,
but the sea rose rapidly, and she
came back to port. Since then a gale
has been blowing from the southwest,
and it is impossible for a boat to
venture out of harbor.

Hopes are entertained that some of
the bodies will be found.

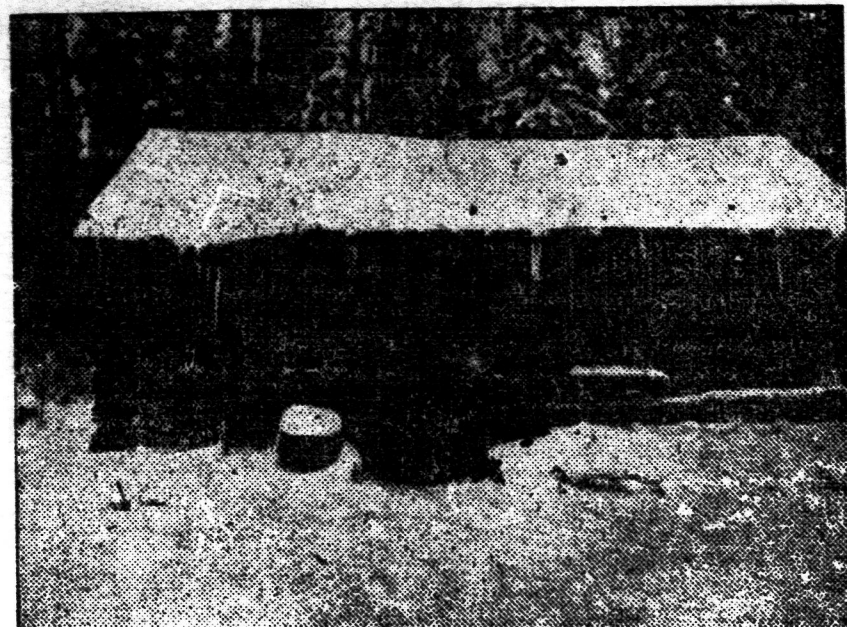
ROBISON HOLDS BALANCE.

New York, Dec. 14.—Stanley Robi-
son, owner of the St. Louis National
League Club, carried around today in
the palm of his hand the balance of
power which will probably determine
the outcome of the contest between
John M. Ward and John Heydler for
the presidency of the National League.

A sharp fight was promised at the
beginning of the National League
magnates meeting today, and Robi-
son was the centre of fire by both factions
all day in an endeavor to get him in-
to line. Five votes are necessary for
an election, and Philadelphia, Brook-
lyn, New York and Chicago are for
Ward, while Cincinnati, Pittsburgh and
Boston have lined up for Heydler.

One at a Time.

Subscriber asks: Can one card be
sent at a time in a game of euchre?
Answer.—Yes.



THE MURDER AT ENGLEHART.
The log cabin near the T. and N. O. R. where the prospectors, Parkinson
and Ross, lived together. Mr. Parkinson was a brother of Principal
Parkinson, of Grand avenue school, South London.

YOUNG LIBERAL CLUBS CHALLENGE

There will be a progressive euchre evening at Hyman Hall
on Wednesday, the second of the series. Fine prizes will be
offered for competition. All Liberals are expected, and all others
are invited. There will be a meeting of the Liberal Club
executive at the same time to reorganize the debating commit-
tee, and make arrangements for the mock parliament.

Other clubs are taking this matter up. Already there is
a challenge from the Young Liberal Club of Hamilton for a
joint debate, which will be dealt with at this meeting.

A communication has been received from the Liberal clubs
in Toronto, asking for the co-operation of the Liberal Club
here in arranging a series of job debates in Liberal clubs
throughout the province. This question will have to be dealt
with by the meeting.

Every member of the executive is expected to attend the
meeting on Wednesday evening.

BESSEMER BOAT PICKED UP BUT NO SIGN OF SAILORS

Yawl Found Near Houghton Has Air Tight Compartments and
Bears the Ship's Name—Men Crazy by Cold May Have
Jumped Overboard and Ended Their Agony.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Port Burwell, Dec. 14.—2:15 p.m.—
Word has just come here that a yawl
boat from the wrecked Bessemer has
been picked up on the beach near
Houghton. There was no person in the
boat when discovered.

Some other wreckage was discovered
near by.

The yawl has airtight compartments
and is marked "Marquette and Besse-
mer No. 2." Some other bits of wreck-
age were found close by.

WIRE SAYS ASHTABULA DOWN IN ERIE WITH ENTIRE CREW

Sensational Dispatch Flashed Through, But As Yet Has Not Been
Confirmed—Railways Have the Story.

A sensational rumor was
afloat at 2:30 that the Ashta-
bula had gone down with all
on board.

The message was flashed
through the city, but whether
or not this is true cannot be
confirmed at this minute.

All the railways have the
story.

Later.

3 p.m.—There is no truth in the
story that the Ashtabula has gone
down. The boat lies in exactly the
same position as this morning. The
sea is running down a little, but not
sufficient yet to make much difference.

WOULD NOT INTERFERE PAIR OF WHITE GLOVE FOR JUDGE MACBETH

Sir Wilfrid Laurier Taking No Part in
British Election.

London, Dec. 13.—Sir Wilfrid
Laurier's name had been used in re-
ference to the present political con-
test, and today Lord Strathcona re-
ceived a cable from Sir Wilfrid deny-
ing ever having been interviewed by
anyone on the matter. He says he
would consider it absolutely out of
place for him to interfere, ever so re-
motely, in any party contest now be-
fore the electors of Great Britain.

COLDER SCHOOL ROOMS.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—Lower tempera-
ture in all the public schools through-
out the city, and a general campaign for bet-
ter health conditions for the children,
will result from the experiment of
"cold air" rooms in two schools here.

NO LONDON MEN ON ASHTABULA

The Ashtabula is considered the best
caterpillar on the great lakes.

She carried 32 cars, and made a trip
across the lakes every nine hours.

Mr. J. Hawkins, C. P. R. agent at
the East End, was for a year or more
captain at Port Burwell, and he stated
that he was not aware of any Lon-
doners being on the crew of the Ashtabula.

"I hardly think there was a London
man on the crew," he stated to The
Advertiser. "There may have been
some Ontario men from Port Burwell
and points in that neighborhood, but
I do not think any came from this
city. In any event, we have had no
inquiries from Londoners."

"I knew some of the crew, but I
cannot remember the names. I was
quite well acquainted with Capt.
Hagenson. He is a Swede, a fine
old chap, and considered one of the
best seamen on the lakes."

"She was a splendid boat, and if
there is any chance to save the ship
she will last long enough."

REV. FATHER M. J. FALLON IS NAMED BISHOP OF LONDON

Eloquent Oblate Father, Formerly of Ottawa and Lately of Buffalo
Is Appointed to Succeed His Grace, Archbishop
McEvay in the Local See.

[Associated Press Dispatch.]
Rome, Dec. 14.—Approving the re-
commendation of the consistorial con-
gregation, as presented by the secre-
tary, Cardinal De Lai, the Pope today
appointed Rev. M. J. Fallon, of the
pro-nuncio's office at Buffalo, to the
bishopric of London, Canada, and the
Rev. James O'Reilly, now rector of St.
Anthony of Padua, Minneapolis, Minn.,
to the bishopric of Fargo, N. D.

The Rev. Father Fallon mentioned
in this dispatch is the Rev. Michael
Francis Fallon, who was born in
Kingston, Ontario, in 1859. He took
his degree in arts at the University of
Ottawa, and later studied in the
Gregorian University at Rome, where
he received the degree of D.D. He was
ordained to the priesthood in 1884, and
returning to Canada, he became the
professor of English literature at the
Ottawa University. Some five years
ago he was moved to one of the prin-
cipal parishes in Buffalo, from whence
he comes to London.

The New Bishop.

Father Fallon is not very well
known in London, as he belongs to the
Order of the Oblates, which is not re-
presented in the clergy of this diocese.

Father Aylward, when spoken to
regarding the appointment, said that
they had received no word of it so
far, but that from the tenor of the
dispatch, he had no reason to doubt
the authenticity of the news. He was
not personally acquainted with the
bishop-elect, nor were any of the
clergy of the diocese, only one of whom
had graduated from the Ottawa Uni-
versity.

Senator Coffey Speaks.

Senator Coffey, who is slightly ac-
quainted with Father Fallon, said
that he had been rector of the Ottawa
University, and had achieved a name
for himself as a most distinguished
preacher and scholar.

Father Fallon was one of the men
who aided to give Ottawa College a
great history on the rugby field, and
some years ago he was recognized as
one of the foremost authorities on the
game in Canada. He is a brother of
Father Fallon, the famous rugby
coach of the university, who is at
present a professor at the institu-
tion.

Appointment is Popular.

The appointment of Father Fallon
as Bishop of London is most pleasing
to the Catholics of this city. The
bishop is an Irish-Canadian, and will
be warmly welcomed here.

LEOPOLD'S OPERATION PROVES SUCCESSFUL

King of the Belgians Operated
Upon But No Trace of
Tumor Found.

Brussels, Dec. 14.—King Leopold
was operated upon successfully to-
day. The surgeon found no trace of a
tumor, the presence of which in the
intestines had been feared. His maj-
esty's trouble was due to a simple ob-
struction of the bowels.

SEVEN PERSONS PERISH IN CINCINNATI FIRE

An Old Wooden Tenement De-
stroyed Early This
Morning.

Cincinnati, Dec. 14.—Seven persons
lost their lives, seven others were in-
jured, and property valued at about
fifty others had narrow escapes in a
fire which destroyed an old wooden
tenement and lodging house at Third
and Sycamore streets early today. The
fire started on the second floor follow-
ing the upsetting of a kerosene lamp
during a quarrel between tenants.

Firemen and policemen rescued some
while others who were too frightened
to heed the cries of the rescuers, threw
themselves from the window.

Four of the dead were found on the
upper floor of the building.

The dead, Wm. Grant, Isaac Ruck-
er, Thomas Wilson, an infant, Mrs. J.
Henderson, Mrs. Nora Henderson,
Coyle, Ruth Henderson and James
Henderson.

The last three were children of
Mrs. J. Henderson.

MONEY BY CABLE

British Postoffice Department Will
Transfer Through Western Union.

London, Dec. 14.—The British post-
office department announces that it
has concluded a money transfer agree-
ment with the Western Union Tele-
graph Company, through which that
company will be permitted to make
cable transfers of money between its
offices in the United States and points
in Great Britain and Ireland, where the
orders will be cashed through the
postal department. The arrangement
has the sanction of the British treas-
urer, and will become operative on the
1st of January next.

PARIS TO NEW YORK

Verbal Conversation Expected to be
Carried on in a Few Weeks.

London, Dec. 13.—The Daily Mail
is authority for the statement that
within a few weeks apparatus will be
installed which, if as successful as
experiments indicate, will enable the
carrying on of verbal conversation be-
tween the Eiffel Tower in Paris and
the higher buildings in New York.

AN AWFUL FATE

Hamilton, Dec. 14.—Michael King,
known all over Ontario as the "King
of Tramps," stated in the police court
this morning, when he appeared to
answer a charge of vagrancy, that he
had not had a bath in over a year. He
was sent to jail, where he will be in-
troduced to the bathhouse.

INSURRECTION IN ZELAYA'S CAPITAL

Managua, Nicaragua, Dec. 14.—Re-
bellion has broken out at the capital.
The streets are filled with unrestrained
demonstrators. Shouts of "Long Live
Liberty, the United States and Es-
trada" fill the air. The police have
made no move to check the mob. It is
said that President Zelaya has prom-
ised to publish today the announce-
ment of his resignation.

SIR ALFRED JONES DEAD.

Montreal, Dec. 13.—A cable was re-
ceived tonight from London announc-
ing the death of Sir Alfred Jones, head
of the big shipping firm of Elder,
Demster & Co.

SIXTEEN CASES FOR THE COUNTY COURT

Which Opened This Afternoon
Before His Honor Judge
Meredith.

FIVE CRIMINAL CASES

A Long List of Civil Cases To Be Tried
—Some of Criminal Cases Are
Very Serious.

There are sixteen cases entered
of for hearing at the county court and
general sessions of the peace which
opened in the court house this after-
noon before Judge Meredith.

There are five criminal cases on the
list. They are: King against Norman
L. Campbell, charged with theft; the
King against Lewis Logan, an Indian,
charged with the abduction of a girl
under 15 years of age; Ben Slider,
charged with assaulting a peace offi-
cer; John K. Murphy, and Frank E.
Osborne, charged with assault; and
Isaiah Nicholas, an Indian, charged
with shooting with intent to do griev-
ous bodily harm.

The Civil List.

In the civil cases there are five jury
cases and six non-jury cases. The cases
are: Norris against the Grand Trunk
Railway, an action for damages for the
loss of certain cows killed while
straying on the tracks which were
claimed not to be properly protected;
Fitzpatrick against the Great
Northwestern Telegraph Company, to
recover the value of a horse which
dropped dead while en route to the
defendants.

Collier against London Township to
recover for damages claimed to have
been done by a defective drain;
Matheson against Wade, an action
to recover the amount of a certain
bill.

Bremner against Armstrong, an
action to recover the value of certain
goods delivered to the defendant;
Stacker vs. Martin, an action to
recover damages for certain injuries
received while a workman in the
employ of the defendant.

McWhinney vs. the Canadian Pa-
cific Railway, an action for damages
for injuries received while an em-
ployee of the company.

The International Harvester Com-
pany against J. H. Patrick, to recover
the value of certain machinery deliv-
ered to the defendant.

William H. Dunham against J. H.
Patrick, an action arising out of an
alleged unwarranted dismissal and
breach of contract.

The London Electric Company
against G. Andrews, to enforce the
contract entered into between the par-
ties.